Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 07 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 08 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Monday 06 Dec 2021 at 15:30 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Tuesday with conditions deteriorating and becoming hazardous during the day. High for showery and windy conditions for Wednesday then a change to more settled conditions from Thursday. Low for timing of rain on Saturday.

Headline for Tuesday 07 Dec 2021: A bright start but becoming very windy with heavy snow and blizzards later.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 07 Dec 2021

Blizzards High Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** High Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Medium Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Dull	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
10%	<05%	<05%	<05%	30%	80%	>95%	>95%

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Weather: Wintry showers dying out with clear spells and widespread frost developing overnight. A dry and bright start but soon clouding over with bitterly cold winds strengthening. Snow will spread northeast during the late morning and afternoon, becoming heavy and persistent with blizzard and whiteout conditions developing. Mainly rain or sleet on low ground later.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% in the morning, decreasing rapidly through the afternoon with almost zero chance as snow arrives.

Visibility: Good air clarity in the morning but patchy cloud developing on the summits. Cloud becoming extensive and bases lowering to 400 or 500m during the afternoon. Whiteout or nil visibility even at modest elevations with heavy falling and blowing snow.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	30/37 SW	25/31 S	16/20 S	19/24 SE	39/51 E	64/83 E	66/86 E	61/79 E	49/64 E
900	19/26 W	16/21 SW	12/15 S	17/22 SE	35/48 E	58/75 SE	59/77 SE	55/70 E	36/50 E
600	22/28 SW	19/24 SW	9/12 S	10/14 SE	34/44 E	57/73 E	57/74 E	54/70 E	41/55 E
300	10/14 SW	10/15 S	7/11 SE	10/18 E	16/26 E	32/50 E	33/52 E	32/50 E	21/36 E
Glen	9/18 SW	5/12 SW	3/7 SE	3/8 SE	11/22 NE	17/35 E	19/41 E	20/42 E	11/25 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-5/-15	-6/-15	-6/-14	-6/-14	-7/-18	-7/-21	-6/-19	-5/-18	-5/-16
900	-4/-11	-4/-10	-4/-10	-5/-12	-4/-14	-4/-15	-3/-14	-3/-13	-2/-11
600	-0/-7	-1/-7	-1/-5	-0/-5	-0/-8	-0/-10	-0/-11	0/-10	1/-7
300	1/-4	1/-3	1/-2	1/-4	1/-5	1/-7	1/-7	2/-6	2/-4
Glen	3/-1	2/0	2/-0	1/-1	2/-2	3/-2	3/-2	4/-2	4/-0
Freezing Level*	400m	400m	300m	200m	200m	200m	400m	400m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A settled start to the day but conditions will rapidly deteriorate and become dangerous in the hills during the afternoon. The mountain weather hazards reflect the severity of conditions developing during the day.

Forecast for Wednesday 08 Dec 2021

Weather: Heavy and persistent sleet or snow becoming showery overnight. A mostly cloudy day with occasional showers, falling as snow above 600m. Some fleeting brightness possible, mainly across west coast ranges.

Maximum wind: East or Northeast 35 to 45mph, gusts 65mph at first, decreasing to 20mph gusts 30mph in afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30%, best chance in the west.

Visibility: Often poor in showers with areas of cloud above 600 or 700m and blowing snow on the tops. Good on lower slopes between showers, especially towards the west coast.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3C rising to 6C.
At 800m: Minus 3C rising to 0C.
Freezing level: 700m rising to 900m.

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